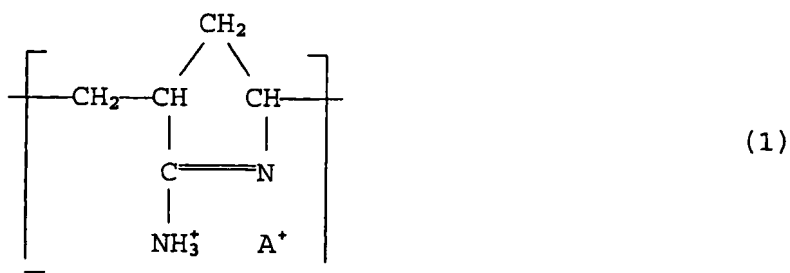


IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled):

Claim 10 (New): An ink jet recording sheet comprising a substrate sheet and at least one ink receiving layer on at least one surface of the substrate sheet, said ink receiving layer formed from a coating liquid containing the aqueous dispersion of silica pigment-cationic resin composite fine particles dispersed in an aqueous medium, and a binder wherein

the solid particles comprising silica pigment-cationic resin composite fine particles which are a pulverization product of agglomerates of a cationic resin comprising cationic polymerization units having a five-membered cyclic amidine structure of the formula (1):



in which formula (1), A<sup>-</sup> represent an anion, with silica pigment particles having an average primary particle size of 3 to 40 nm, and the resultant silica pigment-cation resin composite fine particles having an average secondary particle size controlled within the range of from 10 nm to 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$ , during the pulverization.

Claim 11 (new): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in claim 10, wherein the cationic resin comprises 20 to 90 molar% of the cationic polymerization units having a five-membered cyclic amidine structure of the formula (1) and 10 to 80 molar% of a polymerization units of the general formula (2):



in which formula (2), X represents a member selected from the group consisting of a cyano group, amine hydrochloride groups and a formamide group.

Claim 12 (new): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in claim 11, wherein the cationic polymerization units of the formula (1) and the polymerization units of the formula (2) are present in a molar ratio in the range of from 10:1 to 1:3.

Claim 13 (new): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the cationic resin has a weight average molecular weight of 10,000 or more.

Claim 14 (new): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein, in the silica pigment-cationic resin composite fine particles, the silica pigment and the cationic resin are present in a mass ratio in the range of from 100:1 to 100:30.

Claim 15 (new): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the average secondary particle size of the silica pigment-cationic resin composite fine particles is in the range of from 10 nm to 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 16 (new): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the silica pigment comprises fumed silica particles having a specific surface area of 180 to 380  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .